



2 February 2024



# St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

To begin with I would like to congratulate all of our year 3 children who enrolled onto the Sacramental Preparation Programme on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am Mass. It was wonderful to see St John's Church full of our children and their families. Father Mario, Deacon Mike and many parishioners commented on how wonderfully the children sang and how respectful they were in church! Well done year 3!

## This week's news

Year 3 enjoyed their friendship workshops with Rachel from CAMHS. All children had some lovely comments to make about friends and how to be a good friend. During the workshop, the children learned ways in which they can be a better friend and how to mend friendships.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Gillian Seale, a local author, who shared her writing and illustrating journey with all children. Some children were able to write creatively and illustrate with watercolours in her workshops. Attached to this newsletter is some information on Gillian's books should you wish to purchase them.

Hi Impact also visited school on Tuesday to introduce year 3 to the micro:bit. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the micro:bit code and creating a range of inputs and outputs on it.

Well done to 3Pe who shared lots of information about their class saint today. Their acting, singing and dancing was a joy to watch and put a smile on our faces!

Congratulations to the year 6 children who completed their swimming course this week. We now have 90% of our Year 6 children meeting the expected standard. This is an outstanding result which few schools manage to achieve! Well done.

## Lunches and snacks

For health and safety reasons, all grapes for all children must be cut in half before they are given to children. To understand further why grapes are a choking hazard, please see Children and Grapes

Wishing you a lovely weekend.  
Kind regards,  
Mrs Mullins

## Key Information

w/c 5/2/2024 -

School Lunches

Week 2

13 February 2024

Y3 to attend mass with Y1

14 February 2024

Lent begins

16 February 2024

Close for half term

26 February 2024

Inset Day

27 February 2024

School re-opens

### Class Weekly

#### Attendance:

3PA: 95.0%  
3PE: 96.1%  
4A: 96.6%  
4T: 96.8%  
5J: 98.1%  
5V: 94.1%  
6O: 87.1%  
6T: 97.7%

### Attendance

#### Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance  
22nd — 26th January 2024

**95.2%**

#### Congratulations to

4T in Lower Key Stage 2

5J in Upper Key Stage 2

*If your child is absent from school, please remember to report their absence, either via ParentMail or the school office.*

### Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following children, who have all achieved certificates this week for using their Thinking & Learning Powers!

3PA: **Charlotte B & Oliver M**

3PE: **Whole class**

4A: **Orlaith-Faith D-T**

4T: **Teddy C & Max T**

5J: **Marley J & Ewan W-M**

5V: **Ella D & Hayden L**

6O: **Zak H & Harley O'C**

6T: **Jamie G & Maci L**

## Times Table Rock Stars!

### School Averages:

Average Speed:  
5.3s

Active Pupils:  
36%

Average Minutes:  
42s

School Accuracy:  
92%



### Coins earned by each class

3PA: 831	3PE: 452
4A: 927	4T: 1,237
5J: 2,293	5V: 910
6O: 576	6T: 2,761

**Congratulations to:**  
**St Thomas' class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Therese de Lisieux class in Upper Key Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week.**

### Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel - Healing

Mark 1:29-39

In this Gospel, we hear how Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law.

Thought for the Week from Pope Francis

"God grants us his love, which gives us strength and heals us."

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am.

Children's liturgy is always available at Sunday 9.30am Mass

Wednesday Word

Each week Wednesday Word for families is uploaded onto the school website to help you to reflect on this week's Gospel

Please follow this link <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/parish-newsletter-1>

### #WakeUp Wednesday - This week's online safety guide

"Apps and sites are all competing for our attention. Over the years, numerous strategies have been developed which are intended to influence users' behaviour – making us more likely to remain on a site, game or platform for longer periods of time. These techniques are known as 'persuasive design' and can have a particularly profound effect on children and young people.

Despite these tactics' evident effectiveness, there are still plenty of ways to help prevent yourself (and your child) from being psychologically swayed. This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide breaks down the potential risks posed by persuasive design online and offers some top tips for recognising and reducing its impact on young people's decision making.

### This Week's Reading Top Tip

Encourage your child to be an author!

For some children, becoming the author is the best way to activate their imagination and their interest in stories. Through their writing, you can learn about some of their interests and find books to match!



### Sports News

30.1.24

Well done to our year 5 and 6 dodgeballers who competed in a tournament at Activity 4 All. It was a fun competition made even more exciting by some dramatic comebacks! The children were excellent and displayed some wonderful talent!

Alexia B, Shamelia B, Thomas C, Ralph D, Charlotte F, Jamie G, Anthony N and Ewan W-M

31.1.24

Well done to our year 3 and 4 handballers who competed in a competition at St. Anne's Primary School. They played many matches, scoring lots of goals and our goalkeepers made some amazing saves!

Lillie B, Frankie C, Darcie H, Heidi J, Imogen C, Michael P, Freya R and Joshua W-P

**Congratulations** to Thomas S (3PE) for scoring 2 goals and being awarded Man of the Match for Victoria Colts on 27 January 2024.

### Date for your diary!

**PTFA Easter Bingo 14 March 2024 3.30pm—5.30pm**

**Whole School Own Clothes Day—Friday 1 March 2024**

More information to follow

### Free Local Wirral Events

Please see attached details regarding free local events.